

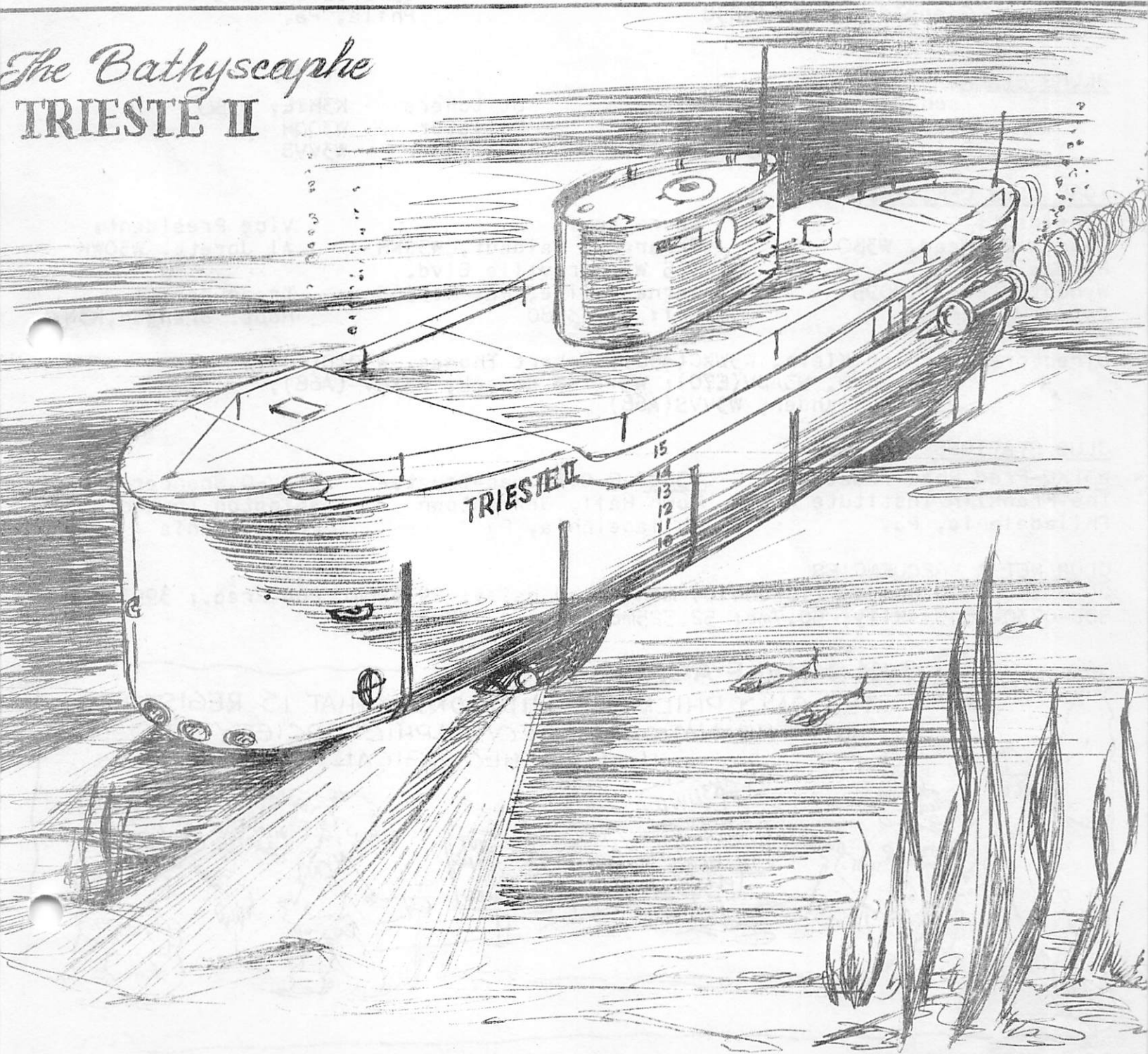
PhilMont Mobile Radio Club

The BLURB



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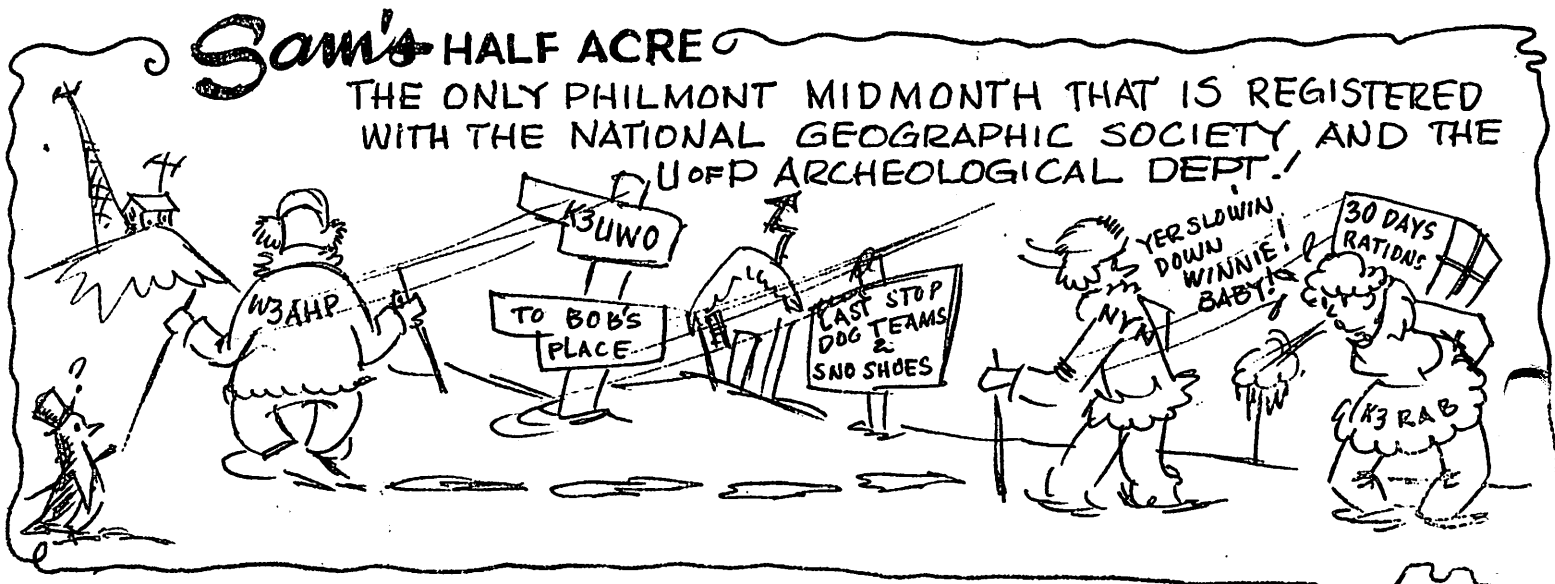
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29.493mc-1000 Sunday (10-on-10) monitored daily; 29.626mc 2nd Freq.; 3993kc
SSB-0730-0845 daily; 50.7mc; 52.525mc(FM); 147.78mc.



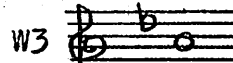
THE PREZ SEZ

When, last month, I suggested that a few "yuks" might liven things up, I never envisioned the hysterics my new call sign would give Phil-Mont. Your "Friendly Candy Company" went to great lengths to bring you this bundle of laughs, so be my guests, dear friends. So much for that.....

The fine February BLURB was an example of what can be done when the membership makes an effort to contribute. Literary contributions, as important as they are, appeal to only one segment of our vast organization. For the outdoor man we have the Canoe Races, Boy Scout Activities and Field Day; for the Gay Blade, we have the Social Committee; for the Brainy Type we have the Technical Committee and the TVI Committee; and for the Hammer and Saw Man we have the Comm Bus and YHV's Camper.

Gentlemen, keep first in your minds: - "INUTILIS EST VACUUS", or, to put it in layman's terms, "RELAXIO EST PRO MORTUIS VIRIS".

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IT SEEMS TO ME

As I pointed out last month, writing an editorial after one has read all the material for the BLURB has certain advantages. For example, I can now foresee the need for a glossary of Famous Latin Quotations, if our Prez is going to continue as he has started above. Where else but in the BLURB can you get class like that?

I do appreciate the cooperation that I've been getting from the membership in furnishing material and of course, these assists are reflected in the size and content of each issue. We have received a couple of complimentary comments from other publications in the last several months and this is simply a reflection of the interest of the members. Keep it up, please!

Phil-Mont appears headed for a very good year; the Program Committee is scheduling excellent material; we have several interesting projects ahead; the Comm Bus is progressing, and Ye Olde Ed can't find anything to complain about.

As they say on the telly, "Keep all them cards and letters comin' in" and let's really make our club an enjoyable part of our hobby.

de K3KUD

THE BLURB
MARCH, 1968

PHIL-MONT CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Monday March 4 8:00 PM Regular Meeting at Franklin Institute
Wednesday March 20 8:00 PM Mid-month meeting at W3BO
Monday March 25 7:30 PM BLURB folding at W3QQH

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REGULAR MEETING FOR FEBRUARY

The regular meeting was held on Monday, February 5, at the Franklin Institute. During the business portion of the meeting various reports were heard from committee chairmen and Lloyd Sherman, W3CDY, was formally presented with a certificate documenting the BLURB award which we mentioned in last month's BLURB.

Ed Jars, K3 TKZ, presented 7 visitors, WA3HEX; K3KNH; WA3IWT; WA3BAL; WA3DSP; K3RSH; Tom Bohlander (no call); and W3LYP. We were very glad to welcome these fellows, as we are with all visitors, and hope to see them again.

At the conclusion of the business meeting our guest speaker, Ed Arvonio, W3LYP, was introduced and presented his program. Ed talked about receivers, discussing evaluation of their characteristics and modifications to improve those characteristics. Ed illustrated his talk with plots made on various ham receivers and presented the results of some comparative tests he had made. As the program proceeded questions from the floor were answered and several schematics for modification were put on the blackboard. All in all the program was both interesting and informative and as expected, Ed did an excellent job.

Coffee and doughnuts were served by the KP department, Bill Clayton, K3HIE and Doug Crompton, WA3DSP.

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MARCH MEETING PROGRAM

Our program for the March meeting will be TRIESTE II, the Navy's Deep Submergence Vehicle. Our guest speaker will be Lt. Duane Tollaksen, USN. Duane, who is also WA4UMA, is currently an officer on the USS Corporal and previous to that duty was assigned to TRIESTE II. No "secret stuff" will be discussed, but the program will be highlighted by color slides and some first hand information. This promises to be another very fine program, why not plan to attend?

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Previous to the February meeting W3JGB, W3DSG, W3GOW, K3UWO, W3BO, W3AES, K3KUD, and W3YHV entertained our guest Ed Arvonio, W3LYP at dinner. The place was Williamson's at the Barclay and both the dinner and the fellowship were enjoyed by all.

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CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

For those who haven't heard, that sweet lovable fellow we all knew as W3MHR has now taken refuge behind the call, W3BO. In addition, Hal, W3ETA has by good fortune (?) been assigned the new call, W3AA.

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Our newest 10-or-10 NCS, Fred Bauer, WA3DMR, did a good job on his first try. It looks like Fred will be a real asset.

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The ARRL Affiliated Club Bulletin devoted a half column to the BLURB, commenting favorably on our art work, subject matter and layout. We were gratified of course, and for the record would like to note once again that our art work is the result of the effort of Sam Kunceovich, WA3CNI.

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The same issue of the Bulletin also made note of the Phil-Mont 1967 Field Day, and commented on the public demonstration aspect of it.

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Would you believe that Bill Bubeck, W3YHV, finally took an airplane ride? It was his first and he went to California; Bill said he would rather drive - seems he missed the chance for mobile operation.

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Does anyone know why Al Bubeck, K3GNM, enters the trunk of his car by way of the back seat instead of the normal way? The explanation is probably very simple, but the neighbors will never believe it!

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Our Fearless Leader, W3BO, will have completed a cruise to various ports in the Caribbean and South America by the time you read this. George said that one of the reasons that he took the cruise was that the ship had a ham station aboard.

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Dick Klein, W3WXC, is desirous of knowing how the membership feels about having a banquet this year. He will ask for comment at the March meeting, so come prepared to make your feelings known.

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Keep in mind the fact that our Annual Freebee Auction will be held in April. Bring your goodies, help the club make money, and have fun, all at the same time.

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The following is the second chapter in the stirring saga of the USS BIRDFISH, written by our Fearless Leader, George Weed, W3BO.

The scene at the Sub Base, Pearl Harbor was typical that Sunday morning. A dozen or so boats, their bows to the quay, were lined up like fish on a string. To almost anyone, this would have been a stirring sight; but it was something less than that to the Old Man, for his woes were now compounded. All the boats were camouflaged and without hull numbers. Ever try to pick your son out of a gang of Cub Scouts at the Franklin Science Museum on a Saturday afternoon?

There were two customs seldom broken at Sub Base, Pearl Harbor. Boats leaving on patrol usually left on Sunday, and the Admiral usually saw them off. Now the wheels really started to spin in our dear Captain's head, as fuzzy as it was at the time. Says he to himself, "Just suppose I'm stumbling along the quay and I bump into the Admiral and he says to me, 'Well Charlie, it's nice to see you. How's about we drop down to the Birdfish for a cup of coffee?' Obviously, this posed a small problem. For some reason, boss Admirals take a dim view of Captains losing their boats.

Under a full head of steam, Captain Charlie found his home without lifting his safety valve. Then the fun began. First, the Exec had his turn in the barrel and came out a little pale. Next came the Duty Officer. Now the Duty Officer was not a graduate of Crabtown-on-the-Severn. Not that this fact had anything to do with his punishment, but his punishment was unique.

Come next Sunday, when it is time for the Birdfish to leave on patrol, this poor soul must go the main gate and escort the Admiral to the Birdfish. I've never found out why, but for some reason this is about as humiliating as escorting the Queen of England to the ladies room. If there is one place the Admiral knows, it's his own Sub Base.

Anyhow, this all leads to a very interesting experience which I shall divulge next month - if you pay your dues, that is.

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

WA3HEX

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Self-employed (Electrical Contractor)
XYL: Joan

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Pete Weed, son of our FL, has been named to the Dean's List at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, where he is a junior. Our congratulations to Pete, and to George and Myrna.

THE PHIL-MONT SPOTLIGHT

This month we would like to spotlight Bud, K2EGF, an old-timer with Phil-Mont who has returned to the fold.

In 1918 he was billed as "The World's Youngest Snake Charmer" This was with the "Pine Tree State Shows" out of Maine and the show was playing Halifax, Nova Scotia shortly after the "big explosion".

Bud says he attended school infrequently because of his parents profession, but still was able to wind up as a Radio Striker in the Navy - although after a few months he became a Boatswains Mate. (Bud also notes that he was a lousy operator even then.)

Licensed during the interval when station licenses were not being issued, he made many contacts using Ed Widner's W3FL/portable. Finally received the call W3KHR. While not a charter member of Phil-Mont, Bud remembers Leroy Hauser and his determination to start all meetings at 2000 hrs promptly to avoid "an ear beating from the XYL's".

Bud was active with Phil-Mont in the early 1950's until he moved to New Jersey where he was assigned his present call.

Since his license did not come easy, Bud values it highly and feels that it gives him the opportunity to "rub elbows" with people for whom he has a high regard.

Our thanks to Bud for the above information, and Lloyd, W3CDY, for getting it to us. Phil-Mont is proud to have members like Bud, who are not just members, but Philmonters as well. (ED)

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CHANNEL CHATTER (75 meter branch)

Bob, W3JGB, off for a sojourn in California....Chuck, W3NIP, off to Milwaukee on a business trip - no skiing.....Bill, W3YHV, running to and fro the wilds of Massachusetts, and checking in with a good signalHal, W3HFY, reports having worked W3KWH, VHF station of the SE Pennsylvania Radio Club in Pittsburgh, on 2 meters.....Paul, W3SMA, has his teletype converter in operation.....Jon, W3AES also reports aurora openings on 2 meters on the evening of 10 February.... The usual gang being heard on 75 meters; W3CDY, K3UWO, K3GNM, K2EGF, WB2WJE, and WA2RDC to name a few.....Many favorable comments on 75 about the program presented by Ed, W3LYP, at the last meeting..... Made an attempt to contact George, W3BO on the "Santa Paula" via WA3GXE/MM, but no luck....maybe the ship was on Atlantic Standard time which would make an hour difference - will try again..... Bob, K3KUD, down in Jacksonville for a week to visit the USS Farragut, K1KK/MM and the USS Pratt, WA2SYV/MM - business of course.....Enie, K3GNJ/mobile checking in from Rochester, N.Y.....Karl, W3BS, getting along fine after a coronary in January. Karl had his 6 meter mobile rig in the hospital, and had many contacts to help pass the time.

Walt, W3CHZ

MARS NOTES

Final tabulation of the amount of traffic handled by Navy MARS from Vietnam has now been completed with the following results:

Message total -----134,017
Phone patch total----- 77,600

Joint service message
and phone patch total
(Army, AF, and Navy MARS)---532,937

During the month of January, 1968, Navy MARS handled 18,320 messages and 8,123 phone patches from Vietnam.

If the above figures don't prove what an outstanding job the MARS nets are doing, we can't imagine what would. Thanks to Sam, K3RTR (NØUKP) for sending the information along.

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Several months ago we reported a new publication by Sams Company, entitled, "Amateur Radio Incentive Licensing Study Guide". We now have a copy in the shack and it certainly appears to be a winner.

The book contains all the new FCC regulations, band allocations and information about the Advanced and Extra Class modifications. In addition, sample examinations for all classes, Novice through Extra are included, as is, of course, study material for these examinations.

The book is brand new, having just come from the publisher, and sells for \$2.75. Don't forget, time is passing and if a source of information is the problem, here it is.

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The IEEE International Convention and its accompanying show of new equipment will be held in New York City again this year. The dates are March 18-21, and the show will be at the Coliseum. We'll be looking forward to seeing a great many Philmonters touring the exhibition again this year.

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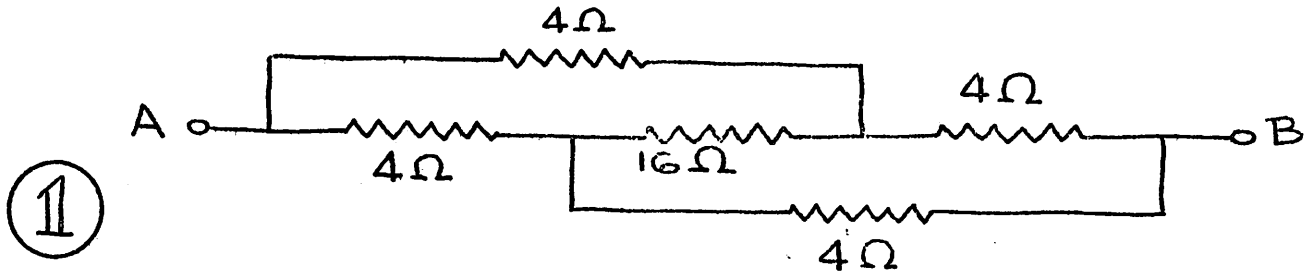
Our cover this month obviously relates to our scheduled program, and as always, Sam did a lot of research to make it authentic. Ever notice how we go from space to the bottom of the sea in the subject matter for our covers? We are either very versatile, or very confused, I haven't decided which.

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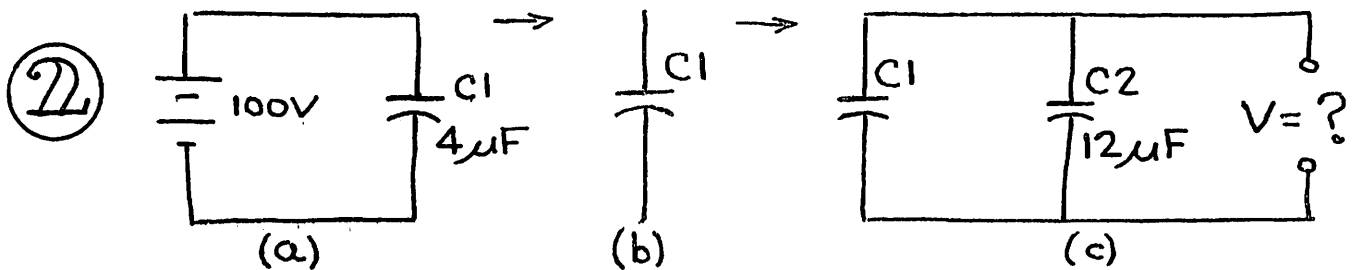
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(PUZZLE SECTION)

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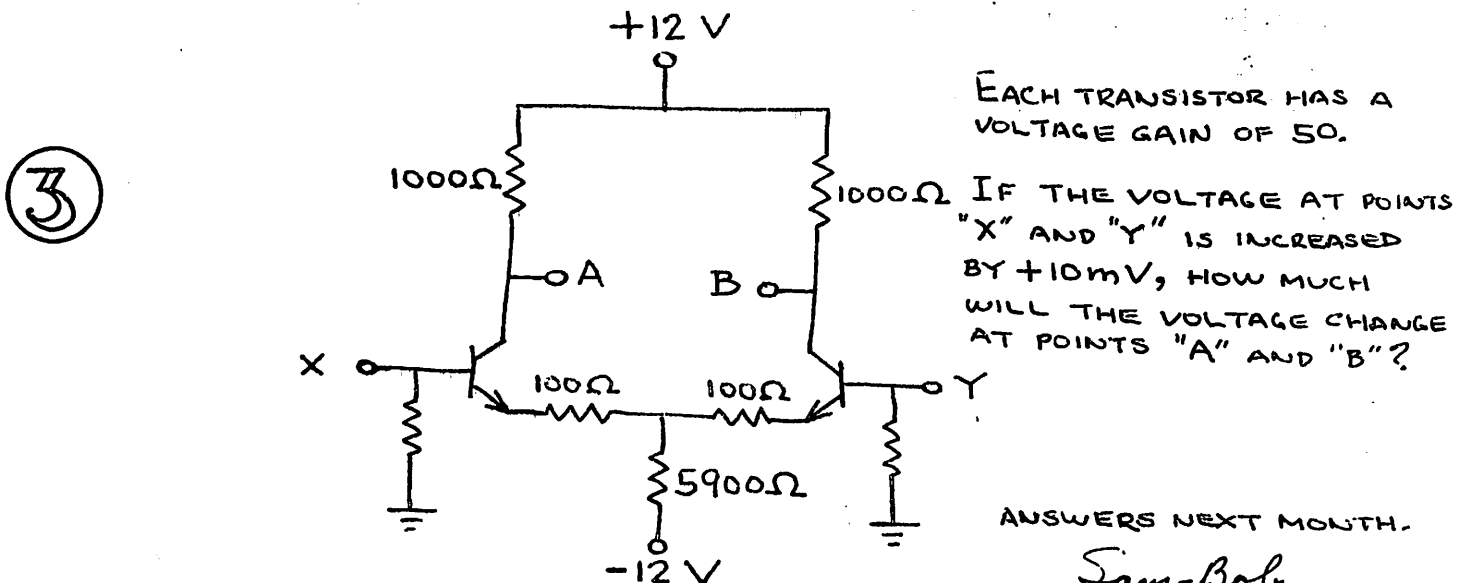


a - C1 IS CHARGED TO 100V.

b - CHARGING VOLTAGE IS REMOVED.

c - C1 IS THEN PLACED IN PARALLEL WITH C2.

WHAT IS THE VOLTAGE ACROSS C1 & C2? NEGLECT LOSSES.



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